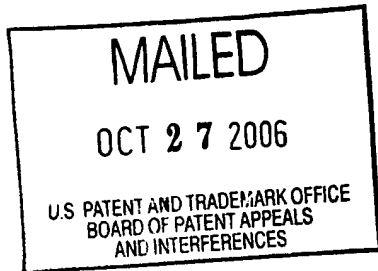


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte YOSHIHIDE MURAKAMI
and KATSUHIRO OKADA

Application 10/028,914

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 29, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

The content under the heading “**SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**” contained in the Appeal Brief filed on March 20, 2006 does not provide a sufficient summary of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which, for each independent claim involved in the appeal, shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference

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characters. *See* 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(v), in particular, the appellants did not map the claims to the specification.

A Supplemental Appeal Brief that is in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(v) is required.

Further, the appellants filed a paper entitled “AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111” on July 3, 2006. However, there is no indication that the Examiner considered the Amendment.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner:

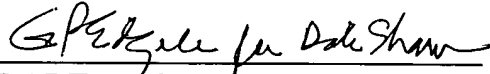
1) to have appellants submit a Supplemental Appeal Brief that is in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(v) for the “Summary of Claimed Subject Matter” section contained in the Appeal Brief filed on April 20, 2006;

2) for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement; and

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3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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